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FOR ATHERTON FROM MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION, PLEASE

1. PLEASE INDULGE A RETIRING AMBASSADOR ONCE AGAIN. ORDINARILY ONE SEES THE MOST PEOPLE OUT HERE JUST AFTER HE HAS ARRIVED (WHEN HE KNOWS THE LEAST) AND JUST BEFORE HE LEAVES (WHEN WASHINGTON HAS BEGUN TO FORGET ABOUT HIM). I AM MIDWAY THROUGH MY FAREWELL CALLS AND I HAVE THE FEELING THAT I AM NOT AWARE OF WHAT WASHINGTON IS ABOUT WHEN I NEED TO KNOW THE MOST.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, WE DIDN'T LEARN ABOUT THE \$50 MILLION AID LIMITATION UNTIL WE READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER AND ASKED WASHINGTON WHAT WAS UP. WE GOT GOOD, PROMPT INFORMATION ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA BUT WE STILL HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE MUCH PUBLICIZED \$2 BILLION PLEDGE BY AMBASSADOR SCALI ALTHOUGH INDIA MIGHT BE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES.

3. WHAT PARTICULARLY TROUBLES ME RELATES TO WASHINGTON'S ACTIONS ON THE KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE. WE KEPT UP A STRONG ARGUMENT WITH THE INDIANS HERE AS DID YOU IN WASHINGTON. IN

VIEW OF THE SLIM MARGIN BY WHICH WE

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WON, I PRESUME THE ISSUE WILL BE LOST NEXT TIME. WE

MAY NOT FIGHT IT AGAIN. NEVERTHELESS, ONE GATHERS  
WE HAVE DECIDED TO PUNISH THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT  
SUPPORT US. ALL RIGHT. BUT I WISH I KNEW MORE ABOUT  
HOW WE WERE DOING THIS.

4. THE INDIANS WERE HALFWAY WITH US ON THE CAMBODIAN  
VOTE; THEY ABSTAINED ON THE KEY PROCEDURAL ISSUE. OUR  
UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SISCO SAID TO THE INDIANS  
THAT THIS WAS ALL RIGHT. BUT SID SOBER, OBVIOUSLY UNDER  
INSTRUCTIONS, TOLD GONSALVES IT WAS NOT. THE INDIAN  
EMBASSY APPARENTLY HAS SENT HOME TWO MESSAGES ON THIS  
SUBJECT. ALSO, WE GATHER FROM SOBER'S RESPONSE  
TO GONSALVES THAT YOU ALSO CALLED IN THE PAKISTANIS  
AND NEPALESE, BOTH OF WHOM WERE NOT HALF WITH US  
BUT VOTED AGAINST US. WE DON'T KNOW IF SOMEONE  
DID TALK WITH THE PAKISTANI AND NEPALESE AMBASSADORS  
AND IF SO, HOW HE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
THE INDIAN POSITION AND THAT OF PAKISTAN AND NEPAL. I  
THINK GONSALVES'S QUESTION ABOUT OUR APPROACHES TO  
"OTHER STATES" WAS A LEGITIMATE ONE. THE EFFECTIVE  
PRACTICE OF US DIPLOMACY REQUIRES THAT THE INDIANS  
KNOW WHAT BENEFIT THEY HAVE DERIVED FROM BEING HALF  
WITH US WHEN THEIR NEIGHBORS WERE EMPIRELY AGAINST US.  
WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANSWERED  
GONSALVES'S QUESTIONS AND CERTAINLY WE HAVE NO INFORMAT-  
ION ON THE BASIS OF WHICH WE COULD TELL THE INDIANS  
HERE.

5. I WOULD BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ENLIGHTEN  
ME ON THIS MATTER BEFORE I GET ON AN AIRPLANE NEXT  
TUESDAY MORNING. APPEARANCES IN THIS TELEGRAM TO THE  
CONTRARY, I AM GREATLY IN YOUR DEBT FOR YOUR MANY  
SERVICES DURING THE PAST MONTHS AND WILL BE EVEN MORE  
SO WHEN I RECEIVE YOUR REPLY. WARM REGARDS.  
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